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Progress Report by the Secretariat on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions concerning the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control **

1. In General Assembly resolution 44/141 of 15 December 1989, the Assembly acknowledged

> "the recommendations by the Administrative Committee on Coordination and the Committee for Programme and Coordination at their twenty-fourth series of Joint Meetings, at which they concluded, inter alia, that the Administrative Committee on Coordination should prepare a system-wide action plan leading to specific activities to be undertaken by organizations of the United Nations system."

The Assembly further requested the Secretary-General, in paragraph 5 of the resolution,

> "to coordinate, at the inter-agency level, the development of a United Nations system-wide action plan on drug abuse control aimed at the full implementation of all existing mandates and subsequent decisions of intergovernmental bodies throughout the United Nations system, using as a guide the Declaration of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and the recommendations in the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control".

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The importance of the development and implementation of such an action plan was re-emphasized at the seventeenth special session of the General Assembly in 1990 in its resolution S-17/2 of 23 February 1990.

2. The system-wide action plan on drug abuse control (SWAP) was presented to the Economic and Social Council in a report of the Secretary-General (E/1990/39 and Corr.1 and 2) dated 10 May 1990.

3. In its resolution 1990/87 of 27 July 1990, the Economic and Social Council, recognizing that the SWAP should reflect the balance achieved in the Global Programme of Action, stressed the need to revise it in order to fully incorporate all the mandates and activities contained in the Global Programme of Action. To that effect, a report of the Secretary-General (E/1990/39/Add.1) revising parts of the SWAP was presented to the Assembly for its forty-fifth session.

4. At its forty-fifth session, the General Assembly established the United Nations International Drug Control Programme by resolution 45/179. In paragraph 10 of that resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to review the SWAP in the light of the structural changes decided in that resolution.

5. Revisions of the SWAP were subsequently undertaken in accordance with the mandates contained in General Assembly resolutions 44/141 and 45/179 over the following two years. In furtherance of the mandates, those revisions and the implementation of the SWAP were examined at the Inter-Agency Meetings on Coordination in Matters of International Drug Abuse Control in 1991 and 1992. The revised version of the SWAP will be examined at the Inter-Agency Meeting to be held from 7 to 8 April 1993. That revised text is available from the Secretariat.

6. However, at its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 47/100 of 16 December 1992 in which it expressed concern over the limited progress by the agencies of the United Nations system in incorporating activities in their programmes aimed at dealing with drug-related problems. Consequently, the Assembly requested the Administrative Committee on Coordination to update the SWAP for consideration by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session. The resolution further calls upon the United Nations system agencies and organizations to provide agency-specific implementing plans to be annexed to the revised SWAP.

7. Work towards implementation of resolution 47/100 is under way in order to simplify and streamline the revised SWAP in time for consideration by the General Assembly this year. The forthcoming session of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Coordination in Matters of International Drug Abuse Control will address this issue together with the agency-specific implementing plans. This revised SWAP would then be submitted to the Administrative Committee on Coordination.

8. The revised SWAP will aim to become action-oriented and will include all mandates and recommendations established by the Global Programme of Action, with particular attention paid to the ways and means envisaged and required to enact the respective mandates. It would become a United Nations system-wide strategy paper for drug control.

9. By Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/38 of 21 June 1991, the Commission is mandated to monitor the development and implementation of the SWAP. General Assembly resolution 47/100 further states that, in monitoring the Global Programme of Action, the Commission should pay special attention to the SWAP. In view of the adoption of that resolution in December 1992, the first document prepared by the Secretariat to facilitate the Commission's task to monitor the development and implementation of the revised SWAP will be before the Commission at its thirty-seventh session and cover the calendar year 1993.